(d) how many rail overbridges are under construction in Kerala sector at present and the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Findings and recommendations of various railway accident inquiry reports are dealt with as per the provisions contained in the Railways Act, 1989 and statutory rules framed thereunder, policy instructions issued by the Ministry of Railways and provisions contained in the Accident Manuals of Zonal Railways.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Bridges are identified as Vulnerable based on the well laid down criteria in the codes & manuals of Indian Railways. There are 20 such bridges identified in Kerala, out of which 9 are in Trivandrum Division, 8 in Madurai Division and 3 in Palghat Division of Southern Railway.

(d) At present there are 56 Road Over/Under Bridges (ROB/RUB) sanctioned on cost sharing basis in the state of Kerala. Railway constructs its portion of work i.e. bridge proper across the railway tracks and approaches by State Government/Road Authorities. The completion time of ROB/RUB depends on the completion of both Railway portion and the approaches. All efforts are made by railway to complete its portion of work alongwith approaches done by State Government/Road Authorities.

De-licencing of slaughter houses

†3470. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cattle being slaughtered everyday by slaughter houses being run illegally or by getting licence from Government and whether Government are aware that the cattle in a number exceeding that authorised, alongwith cow slaughter and also those which are healthy, milch and conceived are also being slaughtered by slaughter houses and the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and

(b) the reasons for not cancelling the licences of slaughter houses by Government even though looted/stolen livestock including cows are being bought and slaughtered by slaughter houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) As per 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2004', 4.66 million heads of cattle were slaughtered in the country in 2002-2003.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Slaughterhouses function under the administrative control of Local Bodies/ Panchayats. The number of cattle slaughtered in recognized slaughterhouses in fixed and slaughtered animal is recorded by the Licensing Authority. The State Governments have their own Animal Preservation of Slaughter Control Acts in operation to prevent slaughter of breedable, milch and conceived animals. The States/Union Territories, except for Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Lakshadweep, have their own Legislation on preventing/restricting the slaughter of cow and its progeny.

Pantry car in trains

†3471. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of long distance express trains in which pantry cars are not attached; and

(b) the number of trains in which pantry cars will be attached during current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are about 468 long distance Mail/Express trains which presently do not have pantry car.

(b) Pantry car services on long distance trains are being introduced in a phased manner subject to availability of new pantry car.

Internet facilities in trains

3472. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Railways is seriously thinking of providing internet facilities in trains;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some tests were conducted in some of the trains in the Northern Railway; and

(d) if so, the result of the tests?